



# **CITY OF AZUSA**

**Canyon City - Gateway to the American Dream**

## **Residential Parkway Landscape Conversion Guidelines**

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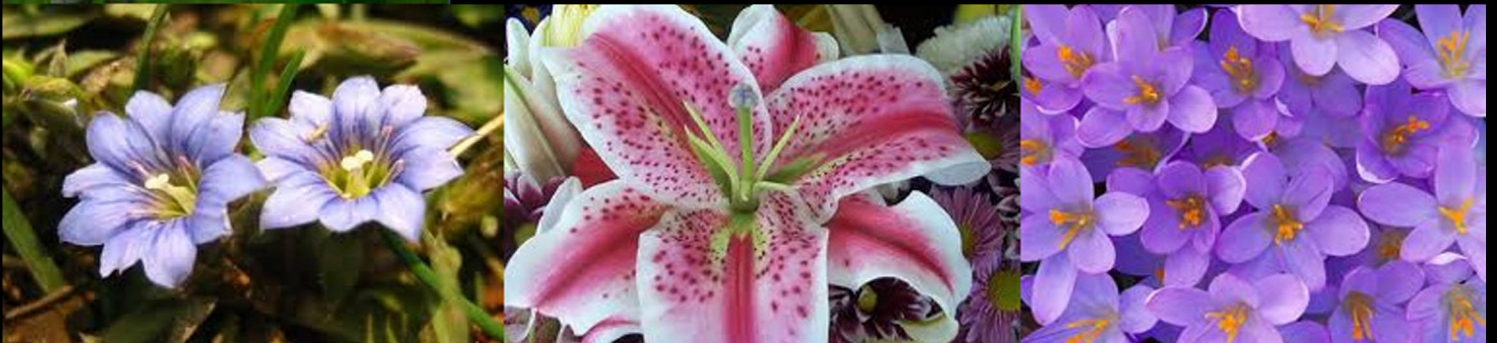


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# GENERAL PARKWAY REQUIREMENTS

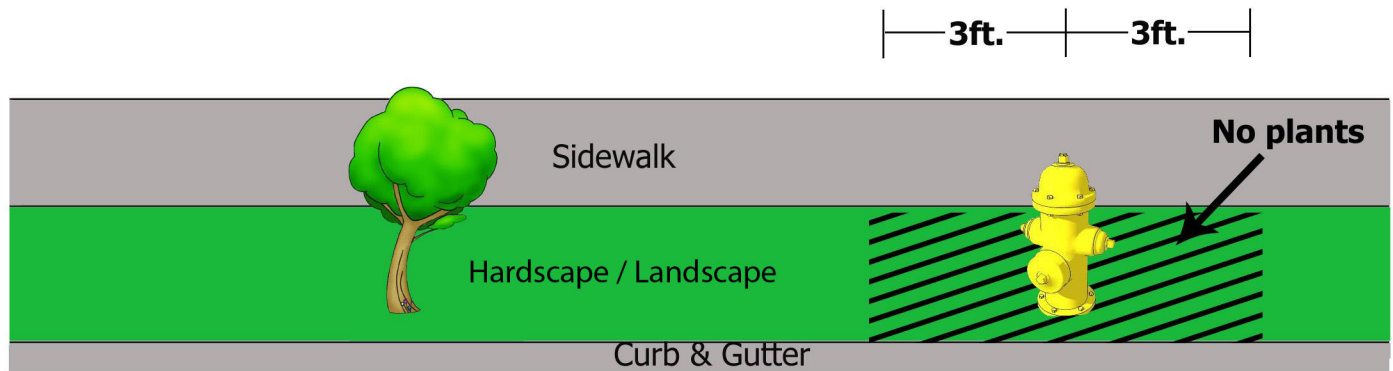
- This document is intended to provide constituents with guidelines regarding the installation of landscape improvements within the parkway. For the purposes of this document, the term “parkway” is defined as the area within the public right-of-way lying between the property line, and the curb line of the roadway thereto. In accordance with section 62-104 of the Azusa Municipal Code, landscaping in the parkway shall be maintained by the owner of the adjacent property.
- In general, residential parkways are exempt from an encroachment permit provided the owner complies with these guidelines.

**NOTE:** Please follow these simple **do’s & don’ts** if you are planning on removing the turf from your parkway

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call Dig Alert at 8-1-1 before you dig. Always call Dig Alert before you dig anywhere, even if it is on your property or in your backyard.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Put plants next to fire hydrants. Leave a 3 foot center on center clearance on each side of the hydrant.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use water efficient plants that do not grow over 12 inches in height.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Put structures in the parkway. Only mailboxes and utilities are allowed in the parkway.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hand dig around marked utilities.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Put pervious pavers next to any parkway tree. Leave a border equal to the parkway width on center of the parkway tree.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use pervious pavers and materials so water can still percolate back into the soil.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grout pavers or rocks in place.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider installing artificial turf. Artificial turf must be installed by a professional.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plant, trim, and/or remove any parkway trees.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Follow City of Azusa Guidelines of Water Efficient Landscape Regulations. Please see City Website under Recreation &amp; Parks.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plant plants that are over 12 inches in height.</li></ul>

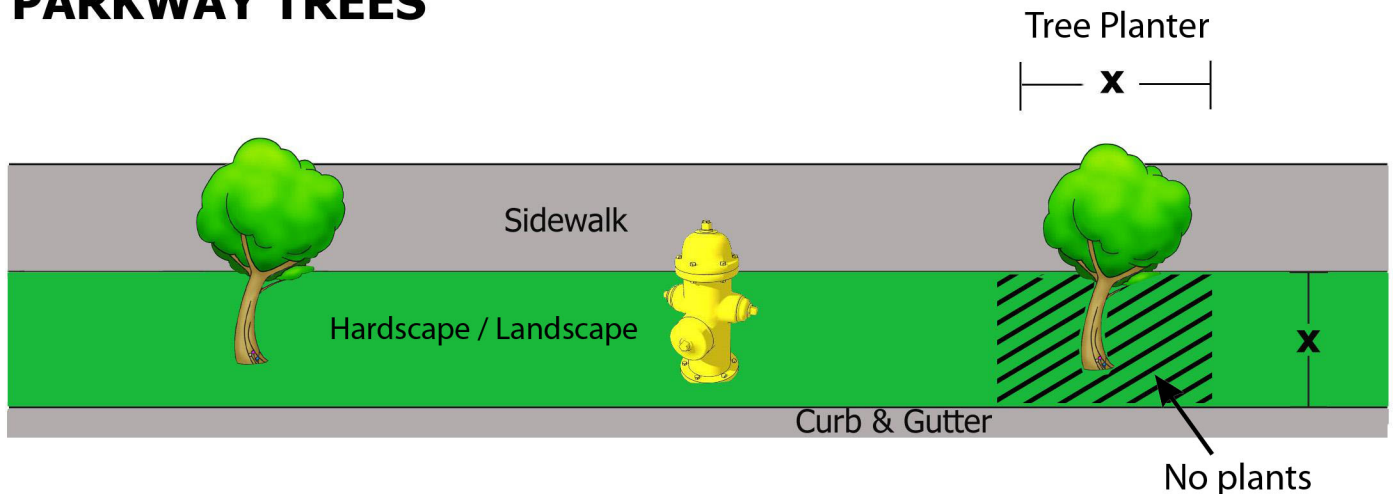
# Parkway Tree & Hydrant Requirements

## FIRE HYDRANTS



- Fire hydrants must have three (3) foot center on center clearance surrounding them, where no plants should be placed.









## PARKWAY TREES



- Parkway tree planters shall have a width equal to the hardscape / landscape width.
- Parkway trees shall remain in place.
- Root barriers shall be installed with new parkway trees.
- New parkway trees shall be planted per City of Azusa standards. For more information, please contact the Park's Division at (626) 812-5260.









# APPROPRIATE PARKWAY PLANTS

GENUS/SPECIES	COMMON NAME	REFERENCE PHOTO	HEIGHT (inches)	SPREAD
Cotoneaster Dammeri	Bearberry Cotoneaster		* 12 to 18	6 feet
Festuca Glauca	Blue Fescue Grass		9 to 12	9 to 12 inches
Geranium Incanum	Crane's Bill		12	18 to 24 inches
Mahonia Repens	Creeping Mahonia		9 to 12	18 inches
Hemerocallis	Day Lily		* 18	2 to 5 feet
Delosperma Cooperii	Ice Plant		3	1.5 feet
Pelargonium Sidoides	Kalwerbossie Geranium		12	12 inches
Oenothera Berlandieri	Mexican Evening Primrose		12	3 feet

## **NOTE:**

\* Some of the plants listed above are over 12 inches, but this is due to the flower sprout that generally extends beyond the base of the plant

- Keep in mind that 12 inches is the requirement to keep a clear line of site for vehicles and pedestrians
- Plants that are not listed are subject for review

GENUS/SPECIES	COMMON NAME	REFERENCE PHOTO	HEIGHT (inches)	SPREAD
Cerastium Tomentosum	Snow in Summer		6	1foot
Trachelospermum Asiaticum	Star Jasmine		* 6 to 18	6 to 9 inches
Teucrium Chamaedrys	Trailing Germander		6 to 12	2 to 3 feet
Lampranthus Spectabilis	Trailing Ice Plant		* 6 to 18	2 feet
Lantana Montevicensis	Trailing Lantana		* 18	3 feet
Achillea Tomentosa	Wooly Yarrow		6 to 12	18 inches

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# Allowed Landscape Designs



**Concrete Pavers**



**Large Rock**  
**(Not grouted in place)**



**Decorative Pavers**



**Artificial Turf**



**Natural Turf**

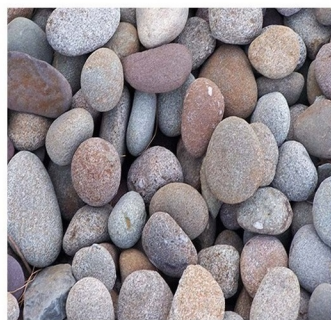


**Mulch**

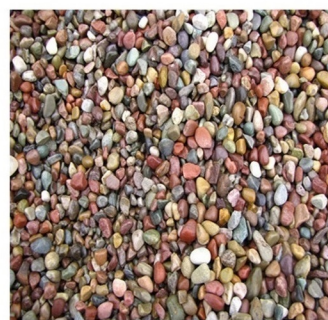


**Pervious Concrete**  
**(3 inches thick minimum)**

# Prohibited Landscape Designs



**Pebbles**  
**(Not grouted in place)**



**Decorative Rock or**  
**Pea Gravel**  
**(Not grouted in place)**



# PARKWAY MAINTENANCE

- All such landscape shall be maintained in a good condition by the owner, or occupant of the adjacent property, and shall not constitute an obstruction or hazard to pedestrians and/or vehicular traffic.
- Owner, or occupant of adjacent property shall be responsible for all repairs to landscape when a utility company, or City crews perform any type of work within the parkway.

## HELPFUL TIPS

- Did you know that up to 60% of the water used in the summer is for your lawn?
- Watering during the heat of the day can account for up to 60% evaporation loss.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it. If you step on the grass and it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, it does need water.
- If you water your grass and trees more heavily, but less often, this saves water and builds stronger roots.
- Weather based irrigation controllers (smart controller) that use weather data to control watering will prevent over irrigation and runoff from your property.
- Raise your lawnmower blade to at least 3 inches to help your lawn establish better root systems and hold on to moisture longer.
- Aerate and fertilize your yard twice a year. Aeration will help water to penetrate the soil and fertilizer will help keep your lawn green.
- Check hoses, faucets, toilets and pipes for leaks. A leaky faucet can waste up to two gallons of water per day, and a leaky toilet can waste hundreds of gallons of water a day.
- Put a layer of mulch in planter areas and around trees. Mulch helps to reduce evaporation and protect against weed growth.
- To be aware of the current water shortages in the City of Azusa please refer to the Azusa Municipal Code (A.M.C.), which will instruct residents on the current restrictions for landscape watering.
- CONTACTS:
  - Engineering Division: (626) 812-5064
  - Park Division: (626) 812- 5260
  - Water Division: (626) 812-5109